Deaths caused by Sura

1448. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons have died by consuming Mrit Sanjivini Sura in the Capital during the last three months;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons so dead;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Mrit Sanjivini Sura manufacturers (Ayurvedic Pharmacies) have been manufacturing only Sura by using spirits and Gur;

(d) whether Government propose to ban the manufacture of Mrit Sanjivini Sura; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in due course.

Manufacture of Sura

1449. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Mrit Sanjivini Sura manufactured by local pharmacists contains more powerful intoxication than wine, as Sura is manufactured from spirit and Gur;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct a C.B.I. inquiry into the working of all the pharmacies manufacturing Sura so as to know the facts about Sura and other medicines manufactured by them; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Government are aware about the misuse of Mrit Sanjivini Sura as an an alcoholic drink. According to the classics/texts on Ayurveda, Mrit Sanjivini Sura is an Ayurvedic drug prepared by formenting jaggery in a decoction of Babul (Acacia Arabica) and 43 other herbs. Spirit is not one of the ingredients. The recommended dosage for treatment of illnesses is 20 to 60 drops. Both the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Drugs Technical Advisory Board as well as Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Drugs Consultative Committee have considered measures to prevent the misuse of this drug. On the basis of their recommendations, State Governments have been requested to take necessary action under the existing Excise Acts. It has also been recommended that the drug should have only its natural colour. No pharmacopial standards have, as yet, been evolved for this drug.

There is no proposal in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to conduct any C.B.I. inquiry into the working of all the Pharmacies manufacturing Sura.

Excessive presence of pesticides in fruits and vegetables

1450. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleastd to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in Hindustan Times of 12th October, 1986 wherein it has been stated that despite 12 legislations in force not a single challan has been filed so far for excessive use of pesticides in fruits and vegetables; and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have any information that in USA and Australia about 30,000 diet analyses are conducted

to monitor presence of pesticides in fruits and vegetables, and in USSR about 5 lakh such analyses are carried out annually; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government has seen the press report quoted in the Question. No case for excessive presence of pesticide in fruits and vegetables has been reported and hence there has been no prosecution, under the provision of PFA Act, 1954.

(b) and (c) The maximum tolerence limit of commonly used pesticides in different commodities of food articles have already been laid under the provisions of PFA Act. 1954, as in USA, USSR and Australia. The State Governments have also been asked to keep a vigil to ensure that pesticide residue in food does not exceed the prescribed limit.

Revised family planning strategy

1451. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the joint conference of Central Council of Health and Central Council of Family Welfare which met in September last has recently approved the revised family planning strategy; and

(b) if so, what are the norms suggested in the meeting for the family planning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Joint Conference of the Central Councils of Health and Family Welfare held in September, 1986, has endorsed the broad approaches and initiatives developed in the draft Revised Strategy for population stabilisation and Family Welfare.

(b) The Councils made the following major recommendations: establishment of a sound PHC management system, upgradation of technical quality of F.W. services; augmentation of the existing curricula for medical and para-medical courses; inclusion of family life education in education curricula at various levels; ensuring community participation by setting up of popular committees, the women volunteer corps and involvement of the organised sector, cooperatives, practitioners of ISM and Homoeopathy, voluntary bodies, panchayats, local body organisations and peoples' representatives; improvement of mobility for the programme and streamlining of supplies and equipment; preparation and updating of eligible couple registers, development of differential area; region and group specific approaches; development of Standing mechanisms for inter-sectoral coordination; operational research aimed at bringing about effective utilisation of the existing delivery system and identifying alternative and cost effective strategies; development of a sound Management Information System and promotion of spacing methods.

विभिन्न खेलों के लिए बजट में प्रावधान

1452. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा, विभिन्न प्रकार के खेलों जैसे क्रिकेट, टेनिस, हाकी, फुटबाल एथलेटिक्स और तैराकी के लिये किये गये बजट आवंटन का ब्यौरा क्या है और इनमें से प्रत्येक खेल पर कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई;

(ख) उपरोक्त अवधि में कितने खिलाड़ियों ने उपरोक्त खेलों में प्रशिक्षण